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# NSA certifies AUM's information security program

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**MONTGOMERY** — The Committee on National Security Systems has awarded certification to Auburn University at Montgomery's Cybersystems and Information Security (CSIS) graduate degree program for adhering to the training standards set forth by its National

Information Assurance Education and Training Programs.

Certification is one of several milestones the young program has achieved. Established in 2010, it became the first college degree program in information security to gain approval from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. It also gained accreditation from the South-

ern Association of Colleges and Schools that same year. Students enrolled for the first time in fall 2011.

"NSA certification is an additional indicator of how committed our program is to providing a state-of-the-art, cutting-edge education to the future creative leaders in the field of information and network security," said

Mehmet Sahinoglu, CSIS program coordinator and director of AUM's Informatics Institute.

"The demand for local and international experts in the cyber-space to respond to and prevent cybersecurity threats is only going to grow. This is why we are working to provide our state and nation with highly-trained and educated professionals to plan

ahead proactively." AUM's CSIS program offers a master's degree that prepares students for careers in homeland security, government and state agencies, private businesses and the armed forces.

For more information on the program, visit [www.aum.edu/csis](http://www.aum.edu/csis) or contact Sahinoglu at 334-244-3769.